

procedures for compliance with those regulations.

Dated: January 5, 1998.

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Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Hadley, Massachusetts.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Letters of Authorization To Take Marine Mammals

AGENCY: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of issuance of Letters of Authorization to take marine mammals incidental to oil and gas industry activities.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 101(a)(5) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service implementing regulations [50 CFR 18.27(f)(3)], notice is hereby given that Letters of Authorization to take polar bears incidental to oil and gas industry exploration, development, and production activities have been issued to the following companies:

Company	Activity	Location	Date issued
Western Geophysical (ARCO)	Exploration	NPRA	Nov. 7, 1997.
Western Geophysical (ARCO)	Exploration	Warthog	Nov. 7, 1997.
Western Geophysical	Exploration	Colville	Nov. 7, 1997.
BP Exploration (Alaska) Inc	Exploration	NWEileen	Nov. 7, 1997.
BP Exploration (Alaska) Inc	Exploration	Point Thomson	Nov. 7, 1997.
Western Geophysical (Anadarko)	Exploration	NPRA	Nov. 14, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mr. John W. Bridges at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Marine Mammals Management Office, 1011 East Tudor Road, Anchorage, Alaska 99503, (800) 362-5148 or (907) 786-3810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Letters of Authorization were issued in accordance with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Federal Rules and Regulations "Marine Mammals; Incidental Take During Specified Activities" (58 FR 60402; November 16, 1993); modified and extended (60 FR 42805; August 17, 1995).

Dated: December 19, 1997.

David B. Allen,

Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Liquor Control Ordinance of the Prairie Band of Potawatomi Reservation

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice is published in accordance with authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM8, and in accordance with the Act of August 15, 1953, 67 Stat. 586, 18 U.S.C. 1161. I certify that Resolution numbered PBP-97-52, Liquor Control Ordinance of the Prairie Band of Potawatomi Reservation, was duly adopted by the Prairie Band of Potawatomi Tribal Council on October

31, 1997. The Ordinance provides for the regulation of the activities of the manufacture, distribution, sale, and consumption of liquor on reservation lands subject to the jurisdiction of the Prairie Band of Potawatomi

DATES: This Ordinance is effective January 9, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bettie Rushing, Office of Tribal Services, 1849 C Street, NW, MS 4641-MIB, Washington, D.C. 20240-4001; telephone (202) 208-4400.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: The Prairie Band of Potawatomi Tribal Council resolution numbered PBP-97-52 read as follows:

Liquor Control Ordinance of the Prairie Band of Potawatomi Reservation

Introduction

Title. This ordinance shall be known as the "Prairie Band Potawatomi Liquor Ordinance."

Authority. This ordinance is enacted pursuant to the Act of August 15, 1953, 67 Stat. 586, codified at 18 U.S.C. 1161, by the authority of the Prairie Band of Potawatomi Indian Tribal Council under The Constitution and Bylaws of the Prairie Band of Potawatomi Indians, Article V, Sections 1(g) and (l).

Purpose. The purpose of this ordinance is to regulate and control the possession and sale of liquor within the Prairie Band of Potawatomi Reservation. The enactment of a tribal ordinance governing liquor possession and sale on the Prairie Band of Potawatomi Reservation will increase the ability of the tribal government to control the sale, distribution and possession of liquor and will provide an important source of revenue for the continued operation and

strengthening of the tribal government and the delivery of tribal government services.

Effective date. This ordinance shall be effective on certification by the Secretary of the Interior and its publication in the **Federal Register**.

Article I. Declaration of Public Policy and Purpose.

(1) The introduction, possession, and sale of liquor on the Prairie Band of Potawatomi Reservation is a matter of special concern to the Prairie Band of Potawatomi.

(2) Federal Law currently prohibits the introduction of liquor into Indian Country (18 U.S.C. 1154 and other statutes), except as provided therein and expressly delegates to the tribes the decision regarding when and to what extent liquor transactions shall be permitted (18 U.S.C. 1161).

(3) The Prairie Band of Potawatomi Tribal Council finds that a complete ban on liquor within the Prairie Band of Potawatomi Reservation is ineffective and unrealistic. However, it recognizes that a need still exists for strict regulation and control over liquor transactions within the Prairie Band of Potawatomi Reservation, because of the many potential problems associated with the unregulated or inadequately regulated sale, possession, distribution, and consumption of liquor. The Prairie Band of Potawatomi Tribal Council finds that exclusive tribal control and regulation of liquor is necessary to achieve maximum economic benefit to the Tribe, to protect the health and welfare of tribal members, and to address specific concerns relating to alcohol use on the Prairie Band of Potawatomi Reservation.